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For: RARE EARTH METAL COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN HIGH CRITICAL

TEMPERATURE THIN FILM SUPER-CONDUCTING ANTENNAS

10 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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In accordance with the enclosed Remarks and the Revised Amendment Format, please amend the claims in the above-identified application as follows:

- 1. (Withdrawn) Dielectric substrates of the general formula Sr₂RESbO₆ where RE is a rare earth metal selected from the group consisting of Lutetium, Ytterbium, Thulium, Erbium, Holmium, Dysprosium, Yttrium, Lanthanum, Gadolinium, Samarium, Praseodymium, Europium, Neodymium and Terbium.
 - 2. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrates, as recited in claim 1, further comprising: said dielectric substrates being heated for at least 20 hours at between 1400° C and 1600°

said dielectric substrates having a low dielectric constant in the range of 4.1 to 16.3; said general formula including an Sb⁵⁺ constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 Å³; and

said dielectric substrates having a low dielectric loss in the range of less than 1×10^{-3} to 9×10^{-3} without a phase transition.

3. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of

Sr₂LuSbO₆.

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- 4. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 3, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 15.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1 x 10⁻³.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 3, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 6.87; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 14.3 and 15.9; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss less than 1 x 10⁻³.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂YbSbO₆.
 - 7. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 6, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 5.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0×10^{-3} .
 - 8. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 6, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 6.86; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 4.8 and 5.4; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0 x 10⁻³.
 - 9. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂TmSbO₆.

10. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 9, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 10.0; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 2.0 x 10⁻³.

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11. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 9, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrates having a density GM/CC of 6.77; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 9.5 and 10.5; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 2.0 x 10⁻³.

12. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂ErSbO₆.

13. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 12, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 5.3; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 1.6×10^{-3} .

14. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate according to claim 12 wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 4.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 3.2×10^{-3} .

- 15. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂HoSbO₆.
 - 16. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 15, wherein:

said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 11.6; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of about 3.1 x 10⁻³.

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17. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 15, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrates having a density GM/CC of 6.64; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 11.1 and 12.2; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 3.1 x 10⁻³.

- 18. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂DySbO₆.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 18, wherein:
 said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form;
 said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 11.2; and
 said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0 x 10⁻³.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 18, wherein:

 said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure;

 said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 6.56;

 said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 10.6 and 11.8; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0 x 10⁻³.
- 25 21. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂TbSbO₆.
 - 22. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 21, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form:

said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 12.9; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 1.4×10^{-3} .

23. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 21, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 4.6; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 4.0 x 10⁻³.

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- 24. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂YSbO₆.
 - 25. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 24, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 7.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 1.4×10^{-3} .
 - 26. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 24, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 5.91; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 6.7 and 7.5; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of about 1.4 x 10⁻³.
 - 27. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂LaSbO₆.
 - 28. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 27, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 16.3; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 3.8 x 10⁻³.

29. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate according to claim 27 wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 5.19. said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 14.5 and 16.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of about 3.8 x 10⁻³.

30. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂GdSbO₆.

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31. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 30, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 12.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0×10^{-3} .

32. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 30, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 6.0; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 9.0×10^{-3} .

33. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂SmSbO₆.

- 34. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 33, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 13.6; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0×10^{-3} .
- 35. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 33, wherein:

said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 8.8; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 9.0 x 10⁻³.

- 5 36. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂PrSbO₆.
 - 37. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 36, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 10.9; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 2.2 x 10⁻³.

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- 38. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 36, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrates having a density GM/CC of 6.02; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 10.4 and 11.4; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of about 2.2 x 10⁻³.
- 39. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂EuSbO₆.
 - 40. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 39, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 14.6; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0×10^{-3} .
 - 41. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 39, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 4.6; and

said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 2.0 x 10⁻³.

42. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 2, being constructed of Sr₂NdSbO₆.

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43. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 42, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a bulk form; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant of 10.6; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of 2.9 x 10⁻³.

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44. (Withdrawn) The dielectric substrate, according to claim 42, wherein: said dielectric substrate is constructed in a thin film structure; said dielectric substrate having a density GM/CC of 6.13; said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant between 10.1 and 11.1; and said dielectric substrate having a low dielectric loss of about 2.9 x 10⁻³.

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45. (Withdrawn) A thin film high T_c structure, comprising:

a plurality of thin films constructed of a compound of the general formula Sr₂RESbO₆ wherein RE is a rare earth metal;

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said plurality of thin films being interspersed with a plurality of layers constructed of a copper oxide superconductor;

said plurality of thin films being deposited by pulsed laser deposition and being heated for at least 20 hours at between 750° C to 825° C;

said plurality of thin films having a low dielectric constant;

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said general formula including an Sb^{5+} constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 $\mathrm{\mathring{A}}^3$; and

said plurality of thin films having a low dielectric loss without a phase transition.

46. (Withdrawn) A thin film high critical temperature superconductor structure,

according to claim 45, further comprising:

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said plurality of thin films are constructed of Sr₂LuSbO₆;

said plurality of thin films being heated for at least 20 hours at between 750° C to 825° C; and

said plurality of layers are constructed of YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ}.

47. (Withdrawn) A thin film high critical temperature superconductor structure, according to claim 45, further comprising:

said plurality of thin films are constructed of Sr₂LaSbO₆; and said plurality of layers are constructed of YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ}.

48. (Currently Amended) An antenna, comprising:

a single layer of a copper oxide superconductor deposited onto a single crystal substrate of the formula Sr₂LuSbO₆;

said single crystal substrate being heated for at least 20 hours at between 1400° C and 1600 ° C:

said single crystal substrate being constructed in a bulk form;

said single crystal substrate having an ordered perovskite cubic crystalline structure; said single crystal substrate having a low dielectric constant of 15.1;

said single crystal substrate having a low dielectric loss of less than 1×10^{-3} without a phase transition;

said formula including an Sb⁵⁺ constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 Å³; and said single layer of a the copper oxide superconductor being patterned to complete the device.

49. (Withdrawn) A superconductor insulator superconductor step edge Josephson junction, comprising:

a single layer of a copper oxide superconductor deposited onto a single crystal substrate of the formula Sr₂YbSbO₆;

said single crystal substrate having a low dielectric constant; said single crystal substrate having a low dielectric loss without a phase transition; said single layer of a copper oxide superconductor being patterned; a second layer of Sr₂YbSbO₆ deposited onto said single layer of a copper oxide superconductor;

said formula including an Sb⁵⁺ constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 Å³; and a second layer of a copper oxide superconductor deposited and patterned on said second layer of Sr₂YbSbO₆.

50. (Withdrawn) Buffer layers of the general formula Sr₂RESbO₆ where RE is a rare earth metal selected from the group consisting of Lutetium, Ytterbium, Thulium, Erbium, Holmium, Dysprosium, Yttrium, Lanthanum, Gadolinium, Samarium, Praseodymium, Europium, Neodymium and Terbium.

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- 51. (Withdrawn) The buffer layers, according to claim 50, further comprising: said buffer layers are constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layers having a low dielectric constant in the range of 4.8 to 16.1; said general formula including an Sb⁵⁺ constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 Å³; and
 - said buffer layers having a low dielectric loss in the range of less than to 1×10^{-3} to 9×10^{-3} without a phase transition.
 - 52. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂YbSbO₆.
 - 53. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer according to claim 52, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.86; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 4.8 and 5.4; and

said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of less than 1 x 10⁻³.

54. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂TmSbO₆.

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55. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 54, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.77; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 9.5 and 10.5; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of about 2.0 x 10⁻³.

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56. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂ErSbO₆.

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57. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 56, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant of 4.1; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 3.2×10^{-3} .

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58. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr_2HoSbO_6 .

59. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 58, wherein:

- said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.64; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 11.1 and 12.2; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 3.1×10^{-3} .
- 60. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of

Sr₂DySbO₆.

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- 61. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 60, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.56; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 10.6 and 11.8; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of less than 1.0 x 10⁻³.
- 62. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂TbSbO₆.
 - 63. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 62, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant of 4.6; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 1.4×10^{-3} .
 - 64. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂YSbO₆.
- 65. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer according to claim 64, wherein:

 said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure;

 said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.56;

 said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 6.7 and 7.5; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of about 1.4 x 10⁻³.
- 66. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂LaSbO₆.
 - 67. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 66, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure;

said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 5.19; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 14.5 and 16.1; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of about 3.8 x 10⁻³.

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68. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂GdSbO₆.

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69. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 68, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant of 6.0; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 9.0 x 10⁻³.

70. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂SmSbO₆.

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71. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 70, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant of 8.8; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 9.0×10^{-3} .

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72. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂PrSbO₆.

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73. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 72, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layers having a density GM/CC of 6.02; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 10.4 and 11.4; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of about 2.2 x 10⁻³.

74. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂EuSbO₆.

75. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 74, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant of 4.6; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of 2.0 x 10⁻³.

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76. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂NdSbO₆.

77. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 76, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.13; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 10.1 and 11.1; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss of about 2.9 x 10⁻³.

78. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 51, being constructed of Sr₂LuSbO₆.

79. (Withdrawn) The buffer layer, according to claim 78, wherein: said buffer layer is constructed in a thin film structure; said buffer layer having a density GM/CC of 6.87; said buffer layer having a low dielectric constant between 14.3 and 15.9; and said buffer layer having a low dielectric loss constant of less than 1 x 10⁻³.

80. (New) An antenna, comprising:
a single layer of a copper oxide superconductor deposited onto a substrate;
said substrate having a buffered layer with the formula Sr₂LuSbO₆;

said buffered layer being heated for at least 20 hours at between 1400° C and 1600° C; said buffered layer having an ordered perovskite cubic crystalline structure; said buffered layer having a low dielectric constant of 15.1; said buffered layer having a low dielectric loss of less than 1 x 10⁻³ without a phase transition;

said formula including an Sb⁵⁺ constituent atom with a polarizability of about 1.2 Å³; and said single layer of the copper oxide superconductor being patterned to complete the device.